

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 318

By Ford

A RESOLUTION to commend Keitorria L. Edmonds for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Keitorria Edmonds is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Ophelia Ford; Keitorria's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Lipscomb University, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Keitorria has achieved academic success while majoring in Law, Justice, and Society and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, she is a member of the Intercultural Honor Society and the W.E.B. Du Bois National Honor Society; she has also held leadership positions within the Psi Chi organization; and

WHEREAS, outside of school, Ms. Edmonds has attacked the challenges of life with strength and dignity; and

WHEREAS, in addition to overcoming personal obstacles, she has made a point to contribute to her community by serving with the Salvation Army Angel Tree, Project CURE, and a number of other charitable causes; and

WHEREAS, her interest in government and public policy is evident in her efforts to learn government operations; Ms. Edmonds has visited Washington, D.C. on several occasions and will be traveling to Europe to learn about the European Union and to expand her knowledge of law on a global scale; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Keitorria Edmonds brought her many

abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2013 session of the One Hundred Eighth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2013 legislative session, Keitorria Edmonds has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, while working for Senator Ford, Ms. Edmonds performed a variety of tasks, ensuring that the office was able to operate smoothly and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Edmonds has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Keitorria L. Edmonds for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Ophelia Ford and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.